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As a voting tax payer I am putting my two cents worth in on the Justice Department and Microsoft settlement. The parties that worked out this settlement have already put 4 years into it. So let it stand and we can move on. Just because some states can not agree does not mean it is not a good agreement. It seems to me the states that are not in agreement do have another agenda besides protecting the consumer. When the state of California is willing to do the financial backing of the other states in order to carry this on, and California happens to be the home state of Sun and Oracle. I do question where the attorney general offices of those states interest really lies. In the time of budget short falls is the average tax payer aware of were their tax dollars are going. When you read in the paper that California is the only state that has allowed a Class Action Law Suit from being settled that would have benefited the poor school district. And the fact that class action law suits only benefit the lawyers. The average buyer of Microsoft software would get just 10.00 back if the lawyers have their way. The whole idea of carrying on with the legal entanglement does not make common sense.